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Wilkins Takes Over As NAACP Head

AN EDITORIAL IT WAS BORN OF SIN

By record, this newspaper is opposed to all forms of dishonesty. Specifically, it has denounced the 800 Negro teachers accused of cheating in the February examinations, those hundreds of others not now involved, and white teachers not now involved who are believed to have cheated in other examinations.

Thus, our position on dishonesty, generally and specifically, is established.

Yet, we cannot put our heart in assailing any of the teachers involved. We cannot suddenly find honesty, purity and virtue in the certification plan to which we have stood opposed since 1941; and in 1942, when the then Governor of South Carolina, campaigning for his present office in the United States, declared he refused to authorize any plan for ameliorating the state's pay to teachers in the face of probable court action, "until it was in the interest of white teachers."

We were opposed to the plan a short time later when Senator W. Brantley Harvey of Beaufort declared, "We cannot round-up equalizing the salaries of Negro teachers on the basis of our plan to re-certify Negro teachers," reported by Tom Waring in The News and Courier.

The legislature went to work on the present plan on the assumption that colored teachers, by virtue of their having graduated from second and third rate Negro colleges in the state despite the state's granting them equal status identical with those for graduates of the University of South Carolina, Clemson College, etc.

Consequently, the plan was held up until results of the first were known. In an address prepared for delivery before white Greenwood teachers and published in The Greenwood Index-Journal, state senator Calhoun A. Mays made the purpose and intent of the plan clear.

TO DIRECT ACTIONS FOR YEAR

NEW YORK — Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the NAACP since 1934, was named acting secretary Monday at a meeting of the NAACP board of directors.

Mr. Wilkins will be executive head of the organization during the absence of Walter White, secretary, who has been granted a year's leave of absence following the board's refusal to accept his resignation.

Before coming to the NAACP, Mr. Wilkins was managing editor of The Kansas City (Mo.) Call, serving from 1923 to 1941. When Dr. W. E. B. DuBois left the NAACP in 1934 Mr. Wilkins succeeded him as editor of The Crisis, working this office along with the assistant secretary.

Mr. Wilkins has served the organization on various occasions during the 26 year period. In 1927 he and George S. Schuyler, then editor of the Crisis, were named as the first two members of the board of directors. He was also named as the first president of the NAACP in 1934.

From August 30, 1941, to September 1, 1942, Mr. Wilkins was named as the first president of the NAACP in St. Paul, Minn. He was named as the first president of the NAACP in New York with Mr. Wilkins as the first president of the NAACP in St. Louis in 1929.

BAPTIST WOMEN CONTRIBUTE TO NAACP



Some of the members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Baptist Church are seen here receiving a check from the NAACP. The money was made during the year's fund-raising campaign. Mrs. W. S. Baskin, secretary, is seen receiving the check from Mrs. A. M. Hinton, president, Mrs. C. W. Rice, and another unidentified person.

TEXT OF CIRCUIT COURT'S BROWN V. BASKIN RULING

EDITOR'S NOTE: Printed below is the text of the decision in BROWN versus BASKIN, returned on appeal by officials of the South Carolina Democratic Party from the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The case was argued April 8, 1949 and was decided May 17, 1949. The case will not be attempted further and is now the law of the land, the latest and present law on rights of Negroes to membership in the Democratic Party in the South, and also to participate in all affairs of the Democratic Party.

PARKER, Circuit Judge. This appeal presents another chapter in the effort to exclude Negro citizens from any effective participation in elections in South Carolina, where the vote in the Democratic primary controls all practical intents and purposes, the choice in general elections. Prior to the decision in Smith v. Allwright 321 U. S. 649, Negroes were excluded from voting in the Democratic Primary in South Carolina, which was conducted pursuant to state law. Following this decision in that case which upheld the right of Negroes to vote in primary elections, the Governor of South Carolina convened the Legislature in special session and recommended that all primary laws of the state be repealed with the avowed purpose of preventing Negroes from participating in the Democratic primaries. Pursuant to this recommendation the primary laws were repealed and the Democratic primaries were conducted thereafter under rules prescribed by the Democratic Party of South Carolina but in the same manner and in such way as to produce the same results as when conducted under state law. In Elmore v. Rice 72 F. Supp. 516 those conducting these primary elections were enjoined from denying to Negro citizens the right to vote therein, and this was affirmed by us on appeal in Rice v. Elmore 4 Cir. 165 F. 2d 387, where we gave most careful consideration to the questions involved. Certiorari to review our decision was denied by the Supreme Court. 333 U. S. 875.

1947 RULES CITED

Following the denial of certiorari in Rice v. Elmore, the Democratic Party of South Carolina adopted rules under which control of the primaries in that state was vested in clubs, to which Negroes were not admitted to membership, and voting in the primaries was conditioned upon the voter's taking an oath that he believed in social and educational separation of the races and was opposed to the proposed Federal so-called F. P. C. law. Negroes desiring to vote in the primaries were re-

Democrats Yield To U. S. Court

In a surprise move, here Thursday, the Democratic executive committee reversed an earlier decision and voted against further fighting in court to keep Negroes out of the party and its primaries.

Announcement of the action came from state chairman W. P. Baskin, top defendant in the latest primary case. Mr. Baskin said party leaders did not agree with the Brown ruling of Judge Waring at Charleston last November, nor the upholding of the ruling by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals two weeks ago, but felt an attempt to obtain a review by the U. S. Supreme Court would gain the party nothing. However, he hinted that the party might take refuge in some other forum, not explained.

NAACP LEADER

Dr. William M. Boyd, professor and chairman of the department of Political Science, Atlanta, Ga., and president of the Georgia State Conference of the NAACP, will deliver the main address at the June meeting of the local branch of the organization, to be held in the Allen University auditorium, Sunday, afternoon, June 19, starting at four o'clock.

Charleston ROTC Lad To Camp

HAMPTON, VA. — Cadet William C. Wright, Jr., of 156-A Spring street, Charleston, S. C., because of his superior work as a ROTC student at Hampton Institute, was given a position of honor in the ROTC Battalion as Color Bearer. He is one of 39 members of the first year Advanced Course ROTC Cadets to be selected to receive six weeks of practical training in Anti-Aircraft at Camp Edwards, Mass. this summer.

SPEAKS HERE

Cadet Wright, along with the Hampton Institute choir, is the speaker, enrolled in the Division of Trades and Industries, and is majoring in building construction.



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Dr. Boyd is a native of Moorhead City, N. C., and received his undergraduate training at Talladega College. He obtained both his Masters and Doctorate degrees at the University of Michigan. From 1940 to 1948 he was professor of political science and head of the department of political science at Fort Valley State College. From 1942 and 1943 he held a Rosenwald Fellowship. For the period of 1942-43 he was assistant in the department of political science at the University of Michigan and in 1947 he received a Carnegie grant to study the social and economic conditions in England, in

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PRESS ATTACKS THURMOND FOR APPOINTMENT

CHARLESTON — The wherefore and why of the recent appointment of Dr. T. Carr McFall to the State Advisory Hospital Council was cleared on the week-end in an exclusive statement by Dr. H. E. Thomas of Seneca, president of the Palmetto State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association.

Dr. Thomas revealed that the appointment was recommended both by his organization, and by the South Carolina Medical Association. He did not elaborate on this statement.

Meanwhile, the appointment, first recalled in this century, of since the state has been under the rule of the Democrats, has provoked a mixture of reactions. The pro-Johnson forces already at work on it — both

MADE RECOMMENDATION FLORENCE — Dr. Julian A. Frier, secretary to the South Carolina Medical Association, in a prepared statement Monday, said that the South Carolina Medical Association had recommended the appointment of Dr. T. Carr McFall of Charleston to a place on the State Advisory Hospital Council, making him one of five physicians on the Council.

Especially crucial of the appointment were Spartanburg and Anderson newspapers, who saw a Thurmond play for the Negro away at the 1950 senatorial campaign, in which Sen. Johnston and Governor Thurmond are expected to put up a tough and drawn battle.

Jackie Robinson Leads Nationals

NEW YORK — (ANP) Jackie Robinson, the National League's sharp defensive second baseman, has taken over in the offensive department, according to last week's statistics.

Augusta Puts Ban On Klan Masking

AUGUSTA, GA. — (ANP) The town of Augusta last week joined the growing list of southern towns banning the wearing of masks in public when the city council passed an ordinance to that effect.

Board Fires 7 More In Pony-Using LAWYERS PLAN DEFENSE MOVE

Seven additional teachers, accused of cheating in the February state examinations, had their licenses suspended, three permanently, by the State Board of Education on Saturday.

Four of the teachers may be reinstated after a year, and may in the meantime apply for a temporary certificate, which could be issued were a shortage of teachers to exist at the school where employment is sought.

The Board considered twelve cases altogether, five of them college students, whose punishment it said it would decide after all college students have appeared before the investigating committee.

Langston Prexy Admits Some Good In Regional Plan

By Ramona Lewis DAVENPORT, S. C. (ANP) — Dr. G. Langston Prexy, president of Langston University, D. C., admitted some good in the southern regional education plan.

I still am opposed to regional schools or any other schools that foster segregation, he said firmly. I urge equality of education to all regardless of race. I contend as first that non-interference with the segregated pattern of education in the south would simply perpetuate that pattern. But in the meantime the University of Oklahoma A and M college have been required by law to open their doors to Negroes. At the same time they endorsed the regional plan so I have to admit that they were as good as their word when they said the plan was not designed to keep Negroes out of the white state schools.

WAIT FOR SECRETARY OF STATE



Dressed in elaborate costumes, representatives of their tribes, African chiefs of the Eastern Province, wait their turn to meet Secretary of State Crech Jones (center) on his arrival at Fort Jameron headquarters. Mr. Jones, a veteran of 30 years in colonial government, made a 14 day trip around Central Africa recently. (ANP).

Brave Little Girl Victor In Grim Battle

By E. P. BROOME FLORENCE — Little Miss Helen Jenne Rose of Route One, Olan, the little eight-year-old victim of a fire in the home of her parents on March 1, is almost well again, and is expected to be able to walk for the first time since the near tragedy in about two or three weeks.

Hinton's Speech To Highlight Rally

ORANGEBURG — Final plans for a year mass meeting here on Sunday, June 19, to be held in the Mt. Pagan Baptist church and to begin at 4 P. M. It will be the annual meeting of the Orangeburg NAACP branch, and the main address will be delivered by James M. Hinton, state NAACP president.